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Proposed Changes to Colorado Revised Statute "C.R.S." §19-1-103 Definitions

Parents in Colorado are not entitled to, or able to request, that a jury, rather than a judge, be responsible for determining "Legal Custody" of a child. For purposes of this initiative, we propose to modify C.R.S. §19-1-103 (1)(b)(34) To revise the definition for "Court", as used in part 3 of article 5 of this title, means any court of record with jurisdiction over the matter at issue or an option for a jury to determine "Legal Custody" of a child.

"Legal Custody" means the right to the care, custody, and control of a child and the duty to provide food, clothing, shelter, ordinary medical care, education, and discipline for a child and, in an emergency, to authorize surgery or other extraordinary care. "Legal Custody" may be taken from a parent only by court action. The definition of "Court" be now expanded to include the option for a jury.

Please provide us with a number for this proposal and schedule the required public meeting to discuss this proposal further.

Thank you,

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